



## 2017 Club Match Play Championship

### Rules and Information Sheet

#### General information:

- A) This is a single elimination event. Once you have lost, unfortunately you are out of the event.
- B) Finals will be held at Poppy Hills Golf Course on Saturday, October 28. Final round will be paid for by the club. Finalists must play on this date or forfeit match.
- C) This event requires flexibility from all participants. Please be flexible when trying to determine a date, time, and course to play vs your competitor. I would suggest that each match try and find a course mid-way between each person's home however, if agreed upon, you can play anywhere. I will intervene if necessary to conclude the match **(you will be given the date, time and course where you must play if you cannot determine this on your own)**.
- D) Prize fund distribution to be posted by March 1, 2017. TBD by tournament committee.
- E) All prizes will be applied to Poppy Hills event or other by before December 31, 2017.
- F) All participants will receive 10 participation points. Points will not be given based on finish.

#### Rules of Play:

The **2017** USGA Rules of Golf are in effect. It is the individual player's responsibility to know the Rules of Golf and the Conditions of the Competition.

#### Course Selection:

You may only play the same golf course ONCE in the course of the competition. A match contested at the same course as a previous match will be considered null and the players must re-play the match prior to the deadline or be disqualified.

#### Tee Markers:

The handicap system allows players to play from different sets of tees if they choose. If you choose to do so, please make certain to use the correct slope and course rating **AND** make the necessary correction for rule 3-5 of the handicap system (Players competing from different sets of tees). If you are uncertain how to do this, please read Rule 3-5 of the USGA Handicap Manual [HERE](#). Please contact Lionel if you need assistance at [sunolvalleygolf@aol.com](mailto:sunolvalleygolf@aol.com).

#### Handcapping

Players are responsible for verifying your opponent's handicap index (use most recent revision) when determining each player's COURSE HANDICAP. To determine any strokes that must be given/received from your opponent, each player must apply their COURSE HANDICAP to receive strokes on the correct holes. See example below:

- A) If player 1 has a course handicap of 9 and player 2 has a course handicap of 18, player 2 will receive a stroke on the 9 most difficult holes. The difference in handicaps ( $18-9=9$ ) results in issuing 9 strokes to player 2 on the hardest 9 holes. This is the proper way of issuing strokes in match play.
- B) If you would like help with this process please call Lionel at 510-364-5696 or email to [sunolvalleygolf@aol.com](mailto:sunolvalleygolf@aol.com).

**Ties/Extra Holes:**

If your match requires more than 18 holes to determine a winner, playoffs are determined as follows:

- A) Ask the golf course to play an additional hole(s) using any handicap strokes given until a winner is determined-Sudden Death. Mention what the match is for if necessary.
- B) If option “a” is not available (i.e. course tournament after your match, darkness, etc...), you must play an additional match of 9 or 18 holes, agreed to by both players, prior to the Round’s deadline.

**Reporting Match Results:**

Upon completion of your match, the match winner MUST submit the match details using the new online form created for this event. This form can be accessed [HERE](#). Failure to submit your information will result in the match not being “official”, and the disqualification of both players from the competition.

**Result of Match Officially Announced:**

The result of a match will be considered officially announced when the online form is received by the Committee and the match result has been posted to the web site. A match with a pending claim (see below) is not officially announced despite the results email being received until the pending claim is resolved by the Committee and winner posted on the web site.

**Doubt as to Procedure/Claims:**

In match play, if a doubt or dispute arises between players, a player may make a claim to their opponent. They must then inform the Committee immediately which might be by phone (try and reach Lionel by phone at 510-364-5696 during your match) or by email **immediately** following your match before the results are official (see above). A claim will only be considered if it is considered (i) timely, (ii) the player informs his opponent he is making a claim or wants a ruling and (iii) the player has notified his opponent of the facts upon which the claim is to be based. For more information on claims, please read Rule 2 of the USGA Rules of Golf [HERE](#).

**Handicap:**

The Committee has the authority to modify a player’s handicap for future matches, or indefinitely, if that player’s result from a previous match(es) so warrants.

**Membership:**

Players must maintain active membership in the Sunol Valley Men’s Golf Club for the 2017 season in order to be eligible. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification from the event.